

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on June 25, 1979 with Chairman, Thomas E. Colgan presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256 the following list of the attenders at this meeting is:

David Richardson	Thomas E. Colgan	Reese Davis
Irene Heymann	Frank Heymann	Rae Gerstine
Cy Liberman	Beatrice Jaffe	Virginia Shaw
Mary Morley	Elizabeth Varley	Shaul Gladstone
Lee Starr	Ruth Shaw	Gene Shaw
Ethel Monfort	Bill Morley	Bertha Brooks
Lily Herzog	Frank Herzog	John Hewlett
Marjorie vanGulich	Michael Curtis	Aaron Hamburger
Carolyn Liberman	Patricia Press	Sarah Hamburger
Helen Macklem	Lucretia Harding	Don Harding
Zola Davis	Clyde Davis	John Grimaldi
James Gulley	Pat Renzetti	Barbara S. Fenske
Tony Colgan	Andrew Foote	Terry Colgan
Joan Ware Colgan	William Press	Bernard Brachman
Ruth Panella	Mary Jane Jackson	Sue Drury
Peter Brachman	Janet Macnamara	Paul Thompson
Agnes Harris	Marion McCullough	B. Passanante

A letter was received from Senator Weiss promising to fight the recinding of the ERA.

A letter from Linda Scott protesting the action of the Civic Committee in taking away several jobs from Wally Scott was read.

The minutes of the March Town Assembly were accepted as circulated.

Thomas Colgan requested dispensing of the regular order of business so that he could award two certificates of merit. Accepted unanimously.

Thomas Colgan awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Town Assembly to Rae Gerstine, Trustees' Secretary and Town Treasurer and Mary Morley, Secretary of the Town Assembly for their years of service to the village. Both recipients expressed surprise, but gratitude for being singled out for this honor.

Cy Liberman presented the Financial report of the Trustees and copies of amount spent from budget from 3/25/79 to 6/25/79 were circulated. The report was accepted and copy is on file.

The report of the Board of Assessors was circulated and John Hewlett, Secretary presented some of the highlights.

The base rental rates are as follows:

First 6,500 square feet	\$36.90 per 1000 Sq. Ft.
Above 6,500 square feet	22.60 per 1000 sq. FT.

These base rental rates were computed as follows. From a return rate of 6% on land values estimated to be 4,000. for 6,500 sq.ft. and \$18,000. for one acre:

Application of the base rental rates is modified under the "domicile rule" as follows:

*The base rent for any lot which, for the purpose of producing income, contains more than one domicile in the form of separated dwellings or apartments, shall be equal to the rent at the "6500 sq.ft." rates times the number of such domiciles, or the rent at the '6500 sq. ft. rate for the entire lot, whichever is the lesser. All land in excess of the '6500 sq.ft.' rate times the number of domiciles, shall be subject to the 'above 6500 sq. ft. rate'."

Factors to be added to the base rent are as follows:

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| 1. For lots adjacent to the Arden Forest or Sherwood Forest | 10% |
| 2. For lots fronting on the Arden Forest or Sherwood Forest
(i.e., across an intervening road) | 5% |
| 3. For lots adjacent to or fronting on any of the Greens
(Village, Sherwood, Meadow, or Communal) | 5% |
| 4. For lots being used commercially, either under commercial zoning or as a non-conforming use in a residential area | 75% |

The factors for any lot which has one side partially adjacent to or fronting on a forest or green shall be adjusted by the ratio of the fronting or adjacent footage to the total footage of that side of the lot.

The rate structure is expected to produce approximately \$111 M in rental income.

This is the majority report of the Board of Assessors. Aaron Hamburger and Elizabeth Varley proposed to ~~amend the report to~~ so that the income from land rent would be sufficient to meet village expense. Their suggestions were defeated.

The opinion of the majority is that land rentals are not less than the full rental value. The majority believes that the land rents plus other sources of funds including the accumulated surplus will meet the indicated needs of the community. The surplus is expected to be about \$70,000. at beginning of fiscal year (March 25, 1980).

A motion to receive the Assessors report for year beginning March 25, 1980 was made by Carolyn Liberman and seconded by William Press. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee report by William Press. Mr. Press was elected Chairman at a meeting held June 20. Each member of the committee has been assigned individual responsibility for getting information for next meeting. Report accepted.

Civic Committee report by Reese Davis.

They had two open meetings and one road tour since March. The large trash collection was completed in May after several delays; however there are still many problems of omission by Hope's Suburban Garbage in the conduct of the regular trash collections. The committee may yet be forced to cancel our contract with Hope's if service does not improve.

Arden received a Supplemental Street Aid Fund from the state for \$2,380 to be used specifically for repair of winter and storm damaged streets and drainage.

The committee is obtaining costs of various road projects and work will be performed during the next two months. This work will be
a. Complete road rebuilding, b-Road resurfacing, c. Catch basin and drain pipe rebuilding.

This year the committee awarded a contract for grass cutting on the two Greens, the Sweep and the Memorial Garden to the Apex Lawn and Garden Service for the sum of \$5885. This is a fixed price contract, regardless of the number cuttings required; however, it is estimated to take 26 mowings from April 1 through October 30. In any case the grass will be cut every 7 days during the peak growing season. It should be noted that the Civic Committee requested Wally Scott to quote on this work, but he declined.

Additional street signs have been ordered and will be installed within the next month.

We are getting prices for the construction and installation of a heavy duty Sign Board for the end of the Green at Millers Road.

Signs prohibiting Firearms have been posted in both forests.

There have been a number of complaints from residents around the Green concerning the use of the baseball field by various groups with and without Civic Committee authorization. Complaints center around parking and traffic plus the offensive conduct of some of the individuals involved. The Civic Committee would appreciate constructive suggestions as to how this problem can be handled short of banning all organized sports.

The Civic Committee has hired Alfred Bratten to do grass cutting on triangles, etc. and other small jobs around the village.

The Civic Committee would like to thank Wally for his years of service over the years. Committee on motion accepted.

Discussion concerning the problem on the green. Perhaps the Town Watch could make more checks on the greens on Saturday and Sunday.

The committees are not prepared to do the jobs, but we could get the cooperation of the State and County police because they are supposed to patrol Arden. Someone suggested that perhaps that if it is legally possible to hire a town police, he could break up the problem. Residents must be willing to swear out warrants for those they see or hear violating the town ordinances. There are not enough programs for teen agers, but this cannot solve the problem.

A vote was passed to suspend the order of business to accept a resolution on this problem. The following resolution was made by David Richardson, seconded by Ruth Panella:

"That the Safety Committee and the Advisory Committee by July 9 investigate the practicality of hiring a paid officer to patrol Arden.

If they are in agreement, they are to ask for a special Town Assembly to act on this." Resolution was passed unanimously.

Community Planning Committee recommended that the pond in the cemetery be filled in.

Registration Committee reported 417 registered voters as of June 25. The last two Community Block parties were held at the Presses and the Cinaglias. All areas of Arden are completed now. The minutes of the Town Assembly have been microfilmed and the committee is planning to continue with other basic records to microfilm. Report accepted.

The Safety Committee report was made by Andrew Foote:

The increased use of the Arden Green and resulting safety problems caused by cars parked along Woodland Lane was the subject of a letter to the committee by a resident along Woodland Lane. The Safety Committee will recommend that the Civic Committee drastically reduce the permits issued for the future use of the Arden Greens by non-Arden groups.

The Safety Action Memo with an attached summary of the Arden Safety Code, will be distributed in the first week of July. Residents are requested to familiarize themselves with the code procedures for reporting violations.

Town Watch participation by residents of the three Ardens has been very encouraging. The TownWatch phone number is 475-8033.

Auditing Committee circulated its report:

Actual income for 1978-79	Total:	121,422.85
General expenses	Total:	26,411.53
Total property taxes, school and county	Total	86,438.55
Administrative Expenses	Total	4,770.26
	Total Expenses	117,620.34
Net Income		3,802.51
Surplus at beginning of year		79,785.10
Surplus at end of year		83,587.61

Municipal StreetAid Fund:

	Receipts	9,523.75
	Expanses	9,689.06
	Net	(165.31)
Cash balance beginning of year		215.55
Cash balance at end of year		50.24

Revenue Sharing Fund:

Receiptd from United State Government:	2,933.00
Expenditures for Roads	2,195.50
Net Receipts	737.50
Cash balance at beginning of year	44.77
Cash balance at end of year	782.27

The report of the committee was accepted.

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee report by Elizabeth Varley:

The committee has attended to several minor repairs and also had a hot water heater installed. Scheduling is now being handled by Yvonne King (475-7812) Anyone who wishes to use the kiln is to contact Alan Burslem (475- 8763) for scheduling and information.

The Annual Arden Yard Sale, co-chaired by Andrew Foote and Dorsey Lebeis was held in early May and was successful. At next meeting in August they will be discussing programing for the coming year. Report accepted.

Arden Playground Committee report presented by Frank Heymann.

Organization: Beverly Barnett Chairman, Frank Heymann, Maintenance
Linda Shinn, Purchasing, Russell McKinney, Marianne Cinaglia, Recording
Secretary.

Inspection and maintenance made of all equipment.

Playground Safety and Development:

- a. acquired two used jungle gyms from Wilmington Public School #30 at 1/10th cost of new equipment.
- b. circulate playground safety bulletin to 3 Ardens.
- c. met with New Castle County Parks and Recreation design consultant as part of effort to develop a long-range plan. Next step is to create a "plot-plan" of the playgrounds and present it at a public meeting.
- d. currently requesting bids for installation of shock-absorbing (and drainage) material under swings and the Green slide, and fill home base areas of the baseball diamonds.
- e. schedule thorough check of the Green baseball backstop, and replace as necessary and when funds are available.

Spent to date \$336.00, \$864 remaining. Report on motion accepted.

80th Birthday Committee report by William Press:

The committee has met twice and has selected a date in May of 1980 for a day long birthday with many activities. Additional events are being looked into for later in the year.

As committee Chairman, Mr. Press requested the Town Assembly for an advance of \$1,000. for this committee.

A motion was made by Carolyn Liberman and seconded by Joan Colgan that a loan of \$1,000. be made to the 80th Birthday Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Hamberger reported that one of the projects of the 80th Birthday Committee was compiling an oral history of Arden. The Delaware Humanities Forum has given \$230 to Arden to help defray the expenses. She asked for the cooperation of the residents.

Under old business, Aaron Hamburger reported that Arden Films will sell the copy of the film about Arden for \$625 for a new film or \$425 for a used one. This price would include 69 reels and all other material connected with the film. This film must be stored in a dry place which might be rented. It was suggested that the Historical Society in Wilmington or the State Archives in Dover might lend us storage space.

A motion was made by Cy Liberman "That the Registration Committee be authorized to buy the ^{used} Arden film; thereby acquiring all the outtakes and magnetic sound film and they are to provide adequate storage for the 16 millimeter film. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that a letter be sent to the Scotts thanking them for all the years of service to Arden.

The meeting on motion adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morley

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Secretary